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## **ARREST IN TWO-YEAR-OLD BANK ROBBERY**

(Tyler, Texas) A federal grand jury in Tyler has indicted a 28-year-old Dallas man for the October 2001 robbery of a Tyler Bank. **CORNELIUS DEION WALKER** was arrested last night and charged with Bank Robbery and Using and Carrying a Firearm During a Crime of Violence.

According to court documents, Walker and four unnamed others entered the Beacon Federal Credit Union on October 19, 2001. They are accused of using a dangerous weapon to assault and jeopardize the lives of bank employees before escaping with an unspecified amount of cash. The grand jury indicted another man on the same charges but his name remains under seal. Additionally, three other co-conspirators are mentioned in the indictment for their involvement in the robbery. One of them is dead and the two others are currently unindicted co-conspirators.

If convicted, Walker could face a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the bank robbery charge and an additional 7 years, to be served consecutively, and a \$250,000 fine for the firearms charge. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either innocence or guilt.

The Tyler FBI and the East Texas Violent Crimes Task Force is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jim Middleton and Allen Hurst are prosecuting the case.

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